

DMA At PKC Internationals



Students from the D'Arbonne Martial Arts Academy traveled up to Indianapolis Indiana to compete at the 2009 Professional Karate Commission Championship tournament held at the Marriott East Convention Center over the Labor Day weekend. The tournament featured competitors from throughout the U.S. and Canada. An extremely wide variety of martial arts styles were represented at this year's event. Several of our students placed well in the competition. This picture was taken on stage after the tournament finished. Pictured are (from left to right) Melissa Rhodes – 4th in Senior Women Fighting (all ranks), Garrett Nyegaard, Dee Nyegaard – 2nd Place Adult Intermediate Women Forms, 1st Place Adult Intermediate Women Fighting, David Rhodes – 4th Place Youth Boys Chanbara, Allison Gilmore – 3rd Place Black Belt Women Weapons, 2nd Place Black Belt Women Chanbara, 1st Place Black Belt Women Lt. Wt. Fighting, Brantley Turnage – 2nd Place Beginning Girls Continuous Fighting, 2nd Place Beginning Girls Ippon Fighting, and 4th Place Beginning Girls Kumite, Sensei Rodney McPherson – 1st Place Black Belt Self-Defense, and 4th Place Black Belt Masters Forms, Kristin McPherson – 3rd Place Teen Girls Advanced Chanbara, Bethany Rhodes, Grace Nyegaard – 2nd Place in Girls Beginning Chanbara. We are extremely proud of all of our students for making this long journey to compete at this level. It is a testament to the pride and dedication of the competitors. We are growing as a school and look forward to even greater success in the future. D'Arbonne Martial Arts has opened our new home located at 108 Main St. and is open for classes Monday through Thursday nights, and we welcome experienced as well as new beginning students with new classes forming in Now.